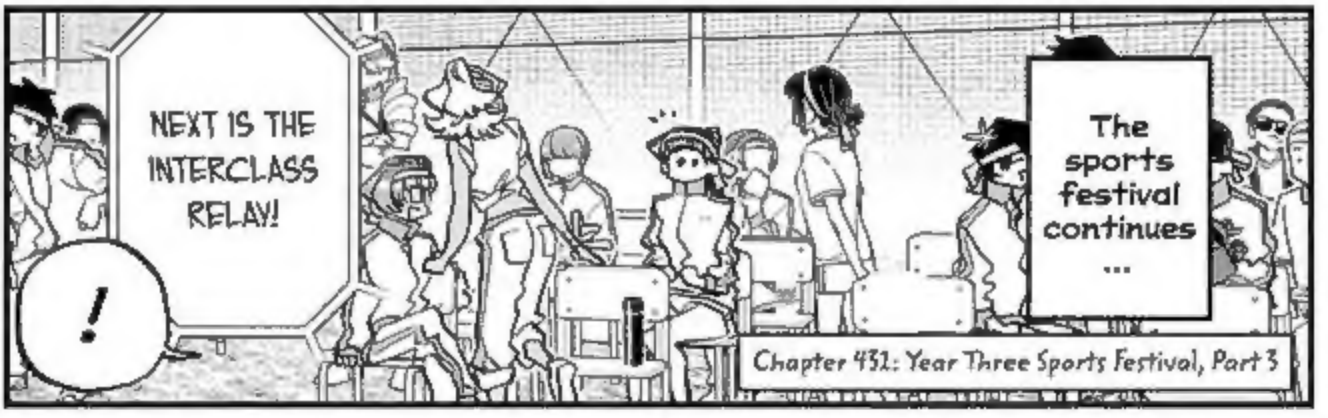
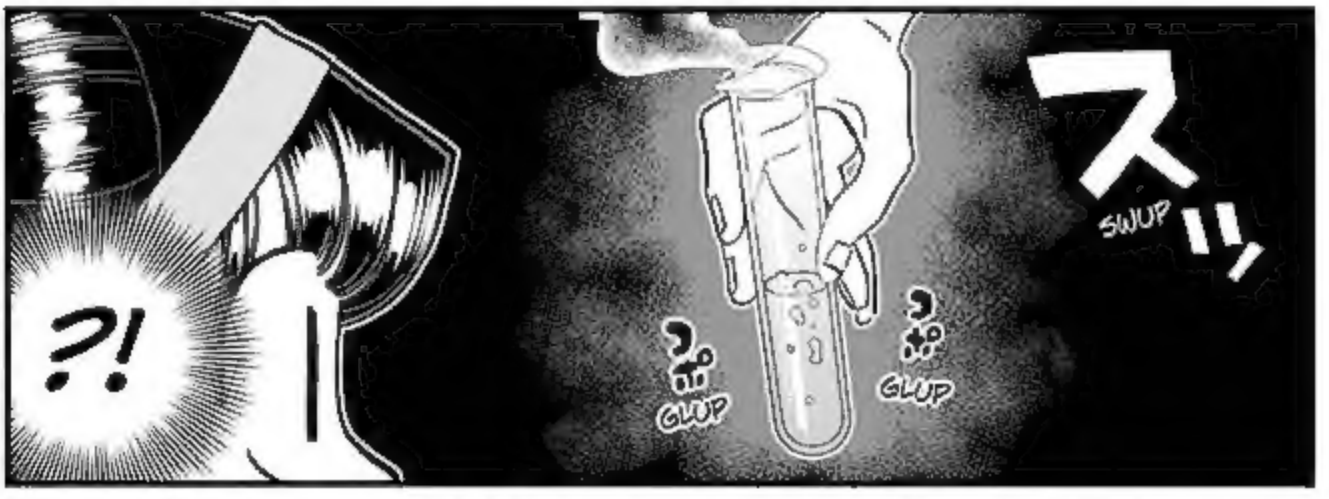
Komi Can't Communicate

When You Need a Boost





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Read vertically!
SHE DRANK IT?!
GULP
...ENERGY DRINK.
IT WAS JUST...
...AN OVER-THE-COUNTER...
AN OTC ENERGY DRINK?!
SO I CAN'T PROVIDE DRUGS.
OF COURSE.
YOU'VE ACTUALLY GOT COMMON SENSE!!
I'M NOT A LICENSED PHARMACIST.
HMPH HMPH
?!
THAT WAS RECK-LESS!
WHAT DID YOU GIVE HER?!
HMPH HMPH
THIS IS GETTIN' GOOD!!
THEN WE'D BE TALKIN'!!
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO MAKE US INVISIBLE OR YOUNGER OR GIVE US A GREAT BODY?!
MORE COMMON SENSE!!!
Kee hee hee...
You read...
...too much manga!
All
WHAT-EVER IT WAS, IT CAN'T HAVE BEEN GOOD!!
Kee hee...
...hee hee hee!

Frustration

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?
Remembered something
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WHEEZ
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WHEEZ
...
YOU WANNA GET FASTER FOR THE SPORTS FESTIVAL?
Chika Netsuno
One year older than Komi

HMM...
NOD
NOD
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!!
THE FESTIVAL IS IN THREE WEEKS.
I HAVE TO TRAIN FOR TRACK-AND-FIELD AND DO HOMEWORK FOR UNIVERSITY.
AND YOU HAVE TO STUDY FOR EXAMS.
SO WE'RE TOO BUSY, RIGHT?
...
HMPH!
SNAP
BUT NONE O' THAT MATTERS!
LET'S GET *SPARTAN!*
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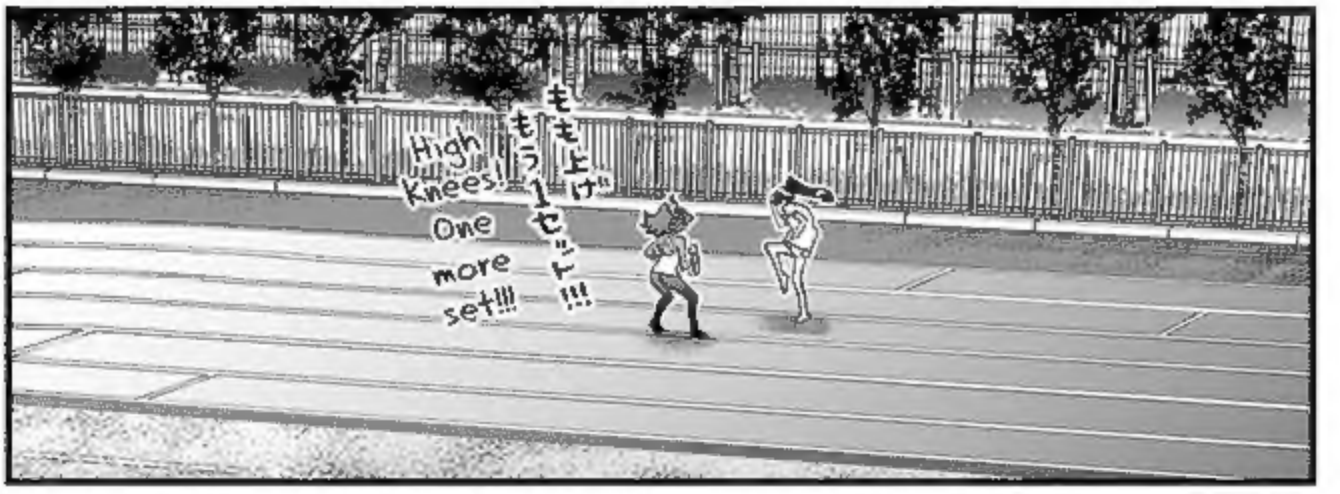
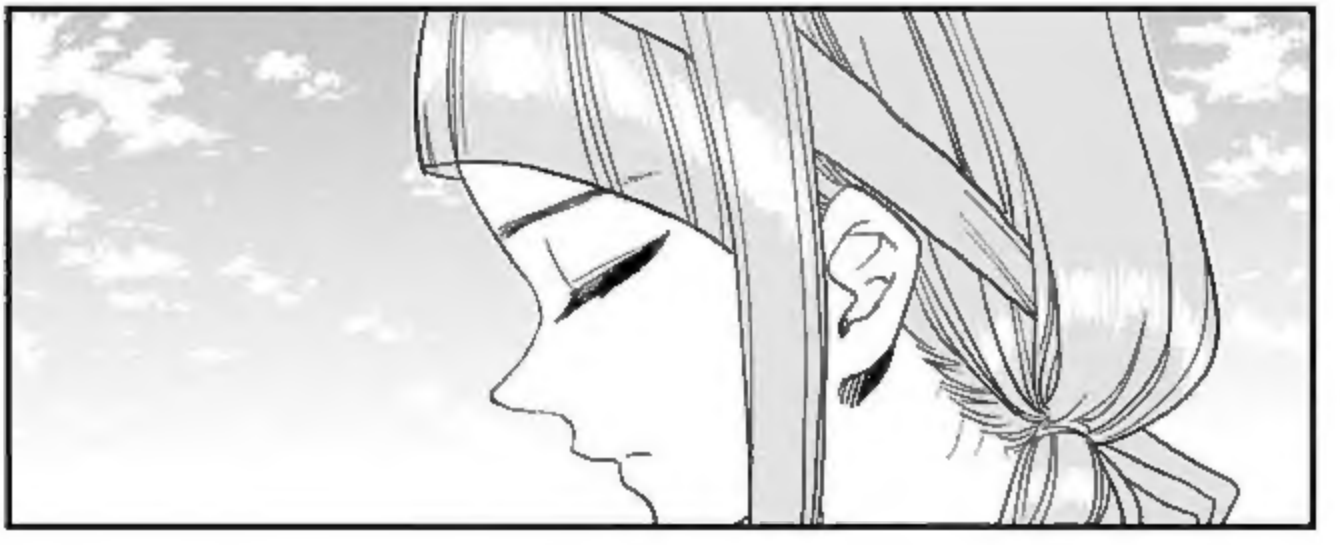
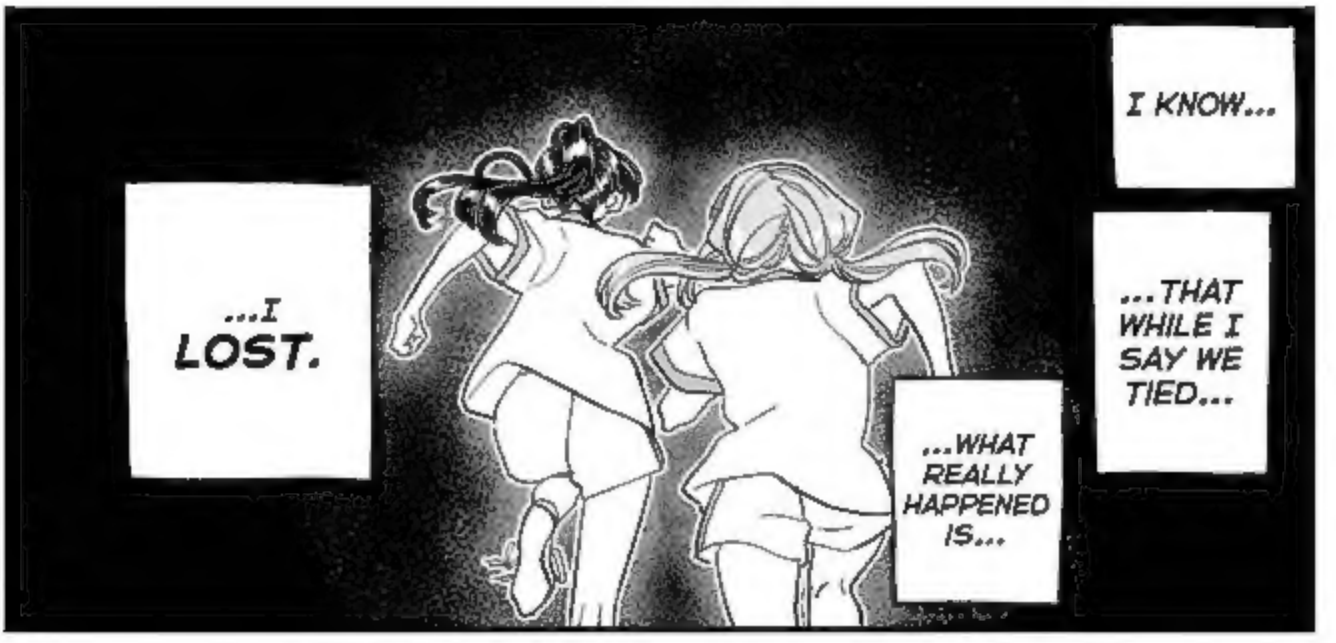


The Desire to Win



I'M MAKERU YADANO.
LONG TIME, NO SEE.
THIS WILL BE MY LAST RACE AGAINST KOMI.
TODAY IS THE FINAL BATTLE.
WE TIED AGAIN!!
...KOMI!
SO WE'LL CA...!
YEAH, WE'RE EVEN!
CLASP
Feather Tie
?!
HEH... WE ALWAYS END UP EVEN!
AFTER TWO YEARS OF BATTLES...
...MY RECORD IS 0 WINS, 0 LOSSES, 33 TIES.
...WE TIED!!!
Third year
The race started, Makeru !!!
HUMFL HUMFL HUMFL
Second year
Watching Komi run
First year
ALL THREE YEARS IN THE 50-METER DASH...
Simply lost
Thinking
M 7.02 seconds
K 6.98 seconds
M 7.88 seconds
K 6.92 seconds
M 11.5 seconds
K 6.89 seconds


...I LOST.
I KNOW...
...THAT WHILE I SAY WE TIED...
...WHAT REALLY HAPPENED IS...

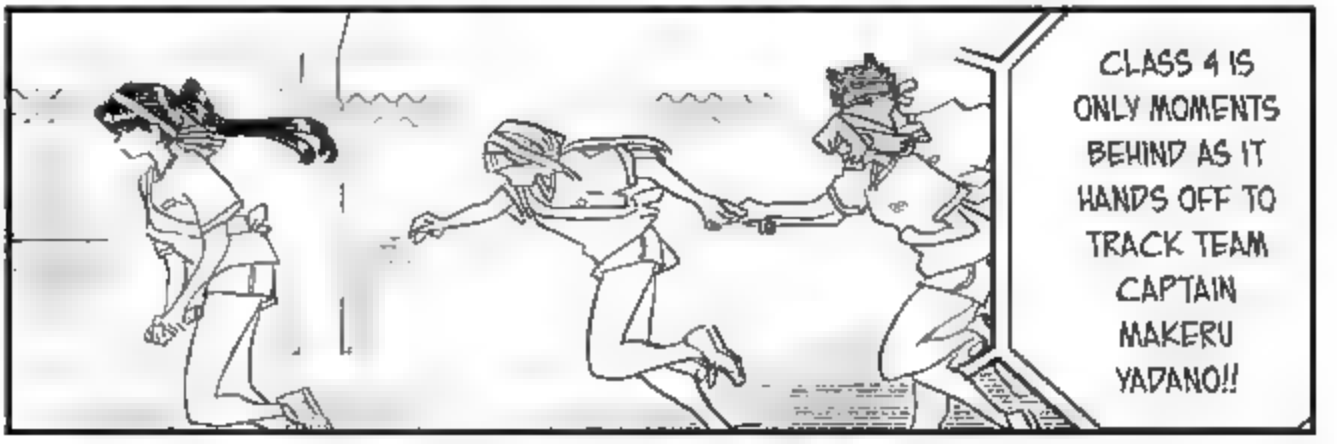
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SECOND-FASTEST IN MY CLASS.

...I COULDN'T WIN.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED...
AND IT FRUSTRATED ME.

FWOP
"I'LL PRETEND TO BE FRUSTRATED ..."
"...SO EVERYONE LAUGHS."
"IT'S ALL RIGHT."
I NO LONGER KNEW IF WINNING WAS EVEN WORTH IT.
AND IT GOT HARDER AND HARDER TO KEEP TRYING.
THAT'S THE STAR I WAS BORN UNDER.

つかれたー帰ろ～
I'm tired! Let's go!
おつかれー！
Good job!
...THAT IT NEARLY KILLED ME!!
SO...
...I TRIED SO HARD...
...TO WIN...
...I'M GOING ...
BUT HERE, TODAY ...
... AGAINST KOMI!

The Race Is On!



*SIGN: YOU CAN DO IT!

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ROLL
ROLL
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?!
I LOSSSSSSSSSSST!!!!!

TMP
TMP
<3, FWIP
大丈夫!?
Are you okay?!
RAAAAAH
THE WINNER IS CLASS 3-1!!!

I LOSSS

...TO PITY ME!
I DON'T WANT KOMI...
FWIP
<3
TMP
TMP
TMP
...!
I'M SO FRUS-TRATED!
I LOST!
I DID MY BEST, BUT I LOST!!
INSANELY FRUSTRATED !!!
URGH!
I'M SO FRUS-TRATED!
SO VERY FRUS-TRATED!
YOU WON AND I FELL, BUT YOU AREN'T CONSOLING ME!

...I HAVEN'T LOST YET!!!
BUT...
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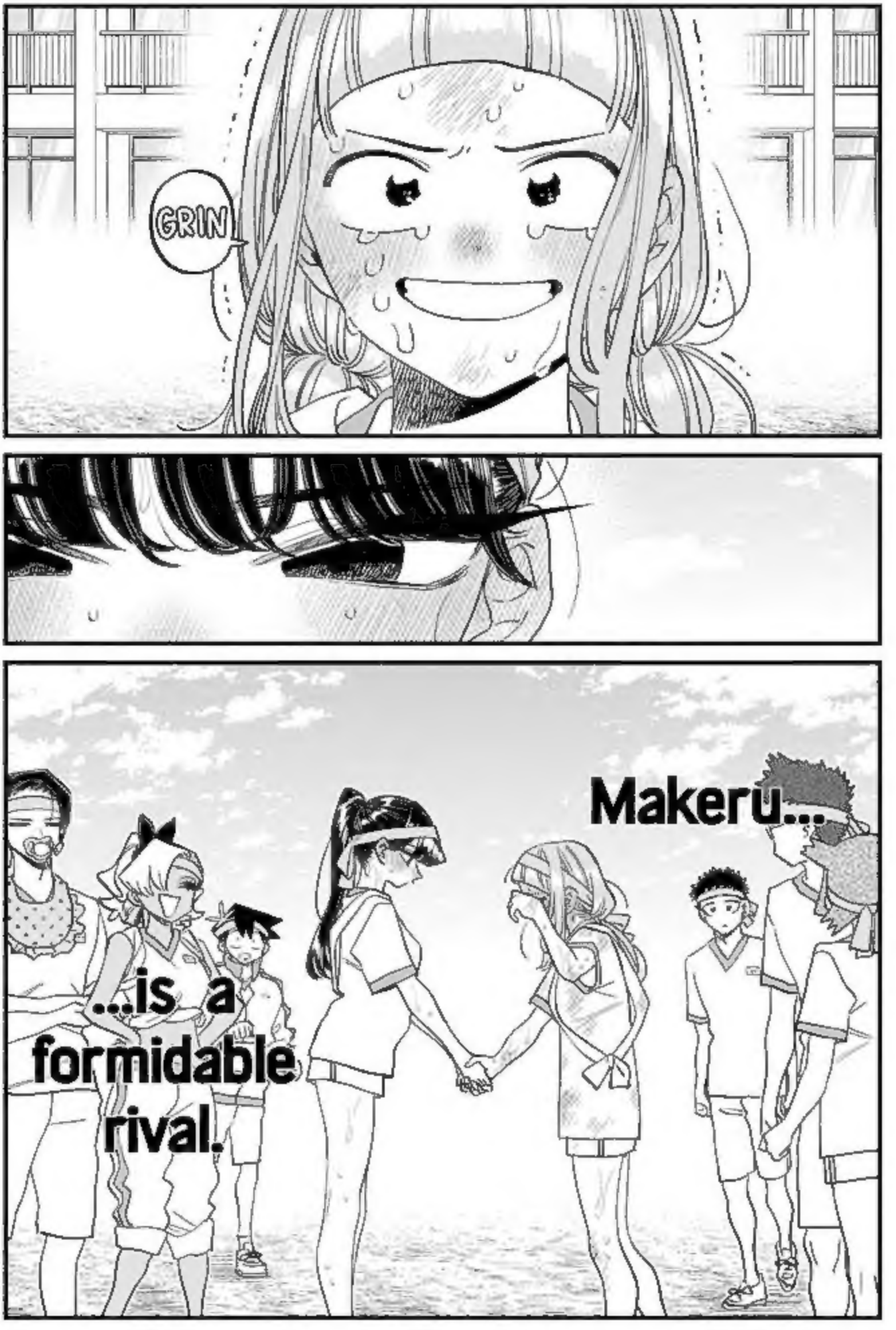
?!
YOU BETTER KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MEEE!!!



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